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INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRG STATUS

REF: STATE 139394

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 28 ON OTHER MATTERS, I BROUGHT UP WITH WALDHEIM HIS MOGADISCIO MEETING WITH MADAME BINH AND TOOK ISSUE WITH HIS PRESS CONFERENCE REFERENCE OF PRG AS "GOVERNMENT." I STRESSED US VIEWS OF PRG AND REMINDED HIM THAT THE PRG IS FRONT ORGANIZATION FOR NORTH VIET-NAM WITHOUT ATTRIBUTES OR COUNTERCLAIMS OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

2. WALDHEIM RESPONDED SOMEWHAT ON THE DEFENSIVE. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION WITH MADAME BINH AT MOGADISCIO AND THAT MEETING HAD BEEN HELD ON HER REQUEST. HE COUNTERED WITH ARGUMENTS, HOWEVER, THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD RECOGNIZED PRG AS SIGNATORY PARTY AND THEREFORE HE DID NOT CONSIDER HE HAD A RIGHT TO IGNORE PRG'S EXISTENCE. HE SAID MADAME BINH HAD COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE AMERICANS AND HAD CHARGED THAT BOTH WASHINGTON AND SAIGON WERE BREAKING SIGNED CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENTS. IN REPLY TO HERE, WALDHEIM HAD REMARKED THAT

HE WAS FREQUENTLY BEING ASKED TO TRANSMIT TO USG COMPLAINTS AND CHARGES BY BOTH DRVN AND PRG; IT SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISING, THEREFORE, WHEN HE TRANSMITTED COMPLAINTS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. IN THAT CONNECTION, WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD HAD A MOST UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE WITH HANOI, WHEN HANOI HAD REFUSED TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT HE HAD TOLD MADAME BINH THAT IT WAS THE DRVN AND PRG WHO HAD OPPOSED HIS HAVING ANY REAL POWER IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THEY SHOULD NOT COMPLAIN NOW IF HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO DO THINGS THEY WANTED.

3. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE HAD ONCE AGAIN CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO MADAME BINH THAT PRG WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ENTITLED TO OBSERVER STATUS AT UN. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS TALK WITH HER AT MOGADISCIO HAD NOT RESULTED IN ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO PRG STATUS VIS-A-VIS UN. IN FACT, HE CONSIDERED THAT HIS REITERATION TO MADAME BINH OF THE FACTS OF OBSERVER STATUS AND PRG INELIGIBILITY TO THAT STATUS COULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.
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